

CLAIMS

1. A method of operating a radio system comprising a primary station and at least one secondary station, characterised by establishing a
5 two-way communications link between the primary station and the at least one secondary station, by the primary station transmitting a configuration message to the at least one secondary station, by the at least one secondary station adapting itself to receive configuration information signals transmitted by a source other than the primary station.

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2. A method as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the configuration information signals are transmitted by a broadcast transmitter.

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3. A method as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the at least one secondary station reconfigures itself in response to the configuration message.

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4. A telecommunications system comprising a primary station and at least one secondary station, characterised in that the primary station has means for establishing a two-way communications link between it and the at least one secondary station, in that the at least one secondary station has means responsive to a configuration message transmitted by the primary station for preparing the secondary station to receive configuration message signals transmitted over at least a one-way channel other than the two-way
25 communications link established between the primary station and the at least one secondary station.

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5. A telecommunications system as claimed in claim 4, characterised in that the configuration message signals are transmitted by a source other than the primary station.

6. A telecommunications system as claimed in claim 4, characterised in that the at least one secondary station comprises a reconfigurable transceiver which is able to configure at least its receiver section to receive the configuration message signals.

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7. A telecommunications system as claimed in claim 4, characterised in that at least one secondary station comprises a transceiver for communicating with the primary station over the two-way communications link and a receiver for receiving configuration message signals.

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8. A telecommunications system as claimed in claim 4, characterised in that the configuration message signals are transmitted over a broadcast radio channel.

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9. A secondary station for use in a telecommunications system comprising a primary station and the secondary station, the primary station having means for establishing a two-way communications link between it and the secondary station, characterised in that the secondary station has means responsive to a configuration message transmitted by the primary station for preparing the secondary station to receive configuration message signals transmitted over at least a one-way channel other than the two-way communications link established between the primary station and the secondary station.

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10. A secondary station as claimed in claim 9, characterised in that said means adapts the secondary station to receive configuration message signals transmitted as broadcast signals.